Constitution and an amount of Rs. 190.95 lakhs, has so far been released to the State. The other proposals seeking assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been referred back to the State Government for necessary revision, as there were not as per the norms of the schemes.

Upper castes from ST area taking benefit of reservation

1211. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons belonging to upper castes from certain areas declared as Scheduled Tribe area have been taking the benefit of reservation for employment in Government and public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, Government's policy in this regard and whether the same has been reviewed;

(c) if so, the details and the result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Only members of those, communities, which have been included in the Presidential Orders notifying the list of Scheduled Tribes, are eligible for the issue of Scheduled Tribe certificates and consequential benefits.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Women sold by way of punishment in tribal areas of M.P.

1212. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in tribal areas like in Madhya Pradesh women are sold publicly by way of punishment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to deal with it without deteriment to the sentiments of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Harassment of tribals of Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

1213. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the harassment of poor tribals of Gadchiroli and other districts of Maharashtra under the grave of controlling Naxalite movement came to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has made inquiry in these incidents;

(d) if so, the findings of CBI; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to stop unnecessary harassment to the tribals of the area?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growing social unrest in tribal areas

1214. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing social unrest in several tribal areas of the country which is being exploited by the Naxalite elements;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study of factors leading to this social unrest; and

(c) if so, the details of findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) There has been an increase in Naxalite activities in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa, which have a fairly large population of tribals. In